



Bridging Innovation and Blow Molding

MONDAY, September 8, 2025

	Attendee and Exhibitor Check-in and Set-up		
1:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Plastics 101		
<p>Session 1 <i>Fountainview (upper level)</i></p> <p>Moderator: Don Maines, Triad Precision Products Inc.</p>	<p>1:30 pm – 2:15 pm</p> <p>Reciprocating Screw EBM Technology Nicholas Rocheleau, Director of Engineering, Rocheleu Tool & Die Co., Inc.</p>	<p>2:20 pm – 3:05 pm</p> <p>Multi-Layer Extrusion Blow Molding Jens Schlueter, President, W. Müller USA, Inc.</p>	<p>3:10 pm – 3:55 pm</p> <p>Blow Molding Design Fundamentals Andrew Hobson, Director of Business Development, Heise Industries, Inc.</p>
<p>Session 2 <i>Brighton I-III (upper level)</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mike Misco, Shell Polymers</p>	<p>1:30 pm – 2:15 pm</p> <p>PE Manufacturing 101 Thomas Styranec, Polyethylene Technology Manager, Shell Polymers</p>	<p>2:20 pm – 3:05 pm</p> <p>One-Step ISBM Process Craig Burkett, Business Development Manager, Nissei ASB Company</p>	<p>3:10 pm – 3:55 pm</p> <p>Shuttle Blow Molding Technology 101 Joe Slenk, Manager, Applications and Process Development, Bekum America Corporation</p>
<p>Session 3 <i>Haselton (upper level)</i></p> <p>Moderator: David Brooks, Graham Packaging Company</p>	<p>1:30 pm – 2:15 pm</p> <p>PET Overview Xinfei Yu, Chief Innovation Officer for Specialty Chemicals, Indorama Ventures</p>	<p>2:20 pm – 3:05 pm</p> <p>Barrier Coatings 101 Speaker TBD. Delta Engineering Group</p>	<p>3:10 pm – 3:55 pm</p> <p>Student Design Winners Presentations</p>
<p>4:00– 5:30 p.m. <i>Reflections, Admiral</i></p>	Exhibits and Connecting		
<p>6:00 – 6:30 p.m. 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Boarding for the Gateway Clipper Dinner Cruise</p> <p>Cruise the Three Rivers of Pittsburgh and enjoy a Welcome Dinner and Presentation of this year’s Student Design Winners and Student Scholarship Recipients!</p>		

TUESDAY, September 9, 2025

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. <i>Reflections, Admiral</i>	Registration and Continental Breakfast	
8:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. <i>Grand Station I-II</i>	General Session I Moderator: Eric Simmons, Radius Packaging	
8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Welcome and Chairman's Message Eric Simmons, Radius Packaging	
8:50 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.	Keynote Presentation: TBD Laura Chamorro, GM, Shell Polymers	
9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.	Navigating Change: It Is Better to Be the Disrupter Than the Disrupted Luke Williams, Bestselling Author of DISRUPT CEO of Idea Skills™ AI	
10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	Mid-Morning Break, Connecting & Exhibits <i>Reflections, Admiral</i>	
11:20 a.m. – 12:25 p.m. <i>Grand Station I-II</i>	General Session II Moderator: Jens Schlueter, W. Muller USA Inc.	
11:20 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.	The Impact of Challenges in Manufacturing Today Gene Mussel, Director, Wipfli LLP	
11:55 a.m. – 12:25 p.m.	The Impact of Mergers and Acquisitions on the Plastics Industry John Hart, Corporate Finance Managing Director, PMCF Investment Banking	
12:30 p.m. – 1:55 p.m. <i>Grand Station III - IV</i>	Luncheon	
12:45 pm – 1:00 p.m. 1:00 P.M. – 1:15 p.m. 1:15 p.m. – 1:55 p.m.	K Show Preview , Alexander Duering, Sr. Project Manager, Messe Düsseldorf NPE Bottle Zone Application Update , Mike Urquhart, PIA Lifetime Achievement Award	
2:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. <i>Grand Station I</i>	Session 1A: Innovations in Barrier Materials Moderator: TBD	
2:05 pm – 2:35 pm	2:40 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.	3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Barrier Material: New PEN Copolyester and Oxyclear Rudy Flores, Auriga Polymers	Barrier Materials Case Study Mike Bonsignore, Chief Sustainability Officer, CKS Packaging, Inc.	EBM Multi-Layer to Replace PVDC Oxygen Barrier Coating Joe Palmer, R&D Innovation Leader, Altium Packaging

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2:00 pm – 3:45 p.m. <i>Grand Station II</i>	Session 1B: Innovations in Blow Molding Technologies Moderator: YBD	
2:05 p.m. – 2:35 p.m. <i>Bridging Technology and Market-Specific Demands: Customized PET Bottles Blow Molding Solutions</i> Tetiana Pronikova, Head of Marketing, PET Technologies GmbH	2:40 p.m. – 3:10 p.m. <i>Reduction in Carbon Footprints & Advancements in Large Blow Molding Equipment</i> Aleksandr Kharazov, Regional Sales Manager, ST Blowmoulding USA	3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. <i>Non-PFAS Polymer Processing Aids for Blow Moulding</i> Zach Charlton, CTO, and Austin Bedrosian, Research Scientist, Ingenia Polymers
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Exhibits and Connecting Reception <i>Reflections, Admiral</i>	

WEDNESDAY, September 10, 2025

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast and Exhibits <i>Reflections, Admiral</i>	
8:30 a.m. – 10:05 a.m. <i>Grand Station I</i>	Session 2A: Carbon Neutral Innovation & Evolving Consumer Trends Moderator: Chiatu Gogula, Arch Plastics Packaging LLC	
8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. <i>Carbon Neutral Industrial and Agri Applications</i> Ken Carter, Staff Material Engineer, Polymers Fuel Systems, John Deere	9:05 a.m. – 9:35 a.m. <i>AI Design of Blow Molding Head Tooling</i> Mattia Anconelli, Business Development Manager, Felix Schulte, CTO, BBM America LLC	9:40 a.m. – 10:10 a.m. <i>Navigating the Contradictory Forces that Shape Modern-Day Trends</i> Diana Kelter, Director of Mintel Trends, NA, Mintel
10:05 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Mid-Morning Break, Connecting & Exhibits	
10:30 a.m.–12:10 p.m. <i>Grand Station I</i>	Session 2B: Sustainability Across the Supply Chain Moderator: Dr. Surendra Agarwal, Creative Group of Industries	
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. <i>Towards Sustainability: State of The Art in Simulation of Blow Molding, Packaging Design, and Virtual Testing</i> Hossam Metwally, Principal Engineer and Dr. Kringan Saha, Lead Applications Engineer, Ansys, Inc.	11:05 a.m. – 11:35 a.m. <i>Case Study: Roles of Machine Manufacturers in Sustainability</i> Chris LaBombarbe, VP, Global Technology and Engineering, Uniloy Group	11:40 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. <i>Student Senior Project Presentation</i> Sarah Ross, Brady Dore, Luke Adams, University of Massachusetts - Lowell
12:15 p.m. – 1:00 pm <i>Grand Station III-V</i> 1:00 p.m. – 1:45 pm Moderator:	Luncheon, 2025 Parts Competition Winners and Recognition of The Blow Molder Excellence Award <i>and</i> Closing Speaker <i>Global Blow Molding Resin Update</i> Joel Morales, Jr., Executive Director, Polyolefins Americas, Chemical Market Analytics by OPIS, a Dow Jones company	